

leadership and perseverance, the county has been pulled back from the brink of insolvency. The county has also renovated its beautiful and historic courthouse and built a new family services center.

Judge Burch helped bring cell phone service to this remote area of Oregon. She serves on the Frontier TeleCom Network, which provides emergency communications for many counties in Central Oregon, and the Telecommunications Committee for Association of Oregon Counties. Earlier this year, she was appointed to the Oregon Commission for Women, and is now its vice chair. She is the only member of the commission from east of the Cascade Mountains.

Concerned about the growing epidemic of obesity, Judge Burch joined in an effort to make Fossil "The Biggest Loser." Patterned after a popular television show, 20 percent of Fossil's 450 residents collectively lost 600 pounds to a successful effort to become healthier, eat better, and be more active.

On a personal note, Jeanne Burch has become a valued friend.

When I first ran for the U.S. Senate in 1996, I promised the people of Oregon that I would hold a town meeting in each of the State's 36 counties every year. On a wintery day in February 1996 I began fulfilling that promise by holding my first town hall in Wheeler County. From that cold day 16 years ago when I arrived in Fossil until now, Jeanne Burch and the people of her county have always given me a warm welcome.

For several years after that, I made it a practice to hold my first town meeting of each year in Wheeler County. A few years ago when snow storms made getting to Fossil impossible, Judge Burch and the other members of Wheeler County Court gave me a special dispensation by passing a resolution releasing me from my commitment to hold the year's first town meeting in Wheeler County.

When I held my 500th town hall in 2009 it was in Wheeler County and Judge Burch made sure that most of the town turned out. She did the same thing last year for my 600th town hall on a warm summer night on the front lawn of the courthouse she helped restore.

For 18 years, Judge Jeanne Burch has been the steady hand of county government, a good friend, a wise steward, and the gold standard for what a good elected official ought to be. We will miss her as a county judge, but I know that when I return to Wheeler County next year for another town hall, she will be there for me as she always has been.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 16, 2012, during the adjournment of the

Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2453) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT ON JUNE 29, 2012

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks on June 29, 2012, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 51. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6156. An act to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3637. A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 16, 2012, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 743. An act to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclo-

tures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1956. An act to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other Purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8065. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Internal Control Standards" (RIN3141-AA27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8066. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeal Proceedings Before the Commission" (RIN3141-AA27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8067. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Technical Standards for Class II Gaming Systems and Equipment" (RIN3141-AA27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2012; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8068. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Enforcement Action" (RIN3141-AA50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2012; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8069. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Issuance of Investigation Completion Letters" (RIN3141-AA49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2012; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8070. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Contracts—Background Investigations" (RIN3141-AA54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2012; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8071. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities regarding civil rights era homicides; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8072. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the third quarter of fiscal year 2012 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and